

Domestic Violence Firearms, Voluntary Surrender

In most cases, Domestic Violence Firearms may be voluntarily surrendered to the Seattle Police Department in one of two ways:

1 At a Domestic Violence Scene

A concerned party who has “dominion and control” over a Domestic Violence Firearm may voluntarily surrender firearm(s) to an SPD officer at the scene of a domestic violence incident. SPD officers will ask about firearms when a Domestic Violence report is taken.

2 From a Premise in the City Limits

A concerned party who has “dominion and control” over a Domestic Violence Firearm in a non-emergency situation, may call SPD Communications at 206-625-5011 to voluntarily surrender the firearm. The caller will be instructed to press #2, then #8 to speak to a dispatcher. An officer will be dispatched to the party’s premise to accept the firearm. Domestic Violence Surrendered Firearms will not be accepted at the precincts.

Voluntarily Domestic Violence Surrendered Firearms are stored at the SPD Evidence Unit until released by court order or by other action. There are exceptions to the above two circumstances where firearms will not be accepted by SPD officers. Also, these surrenders are separate from Domestic Violence firearms that are seized for evidentiary value or are surrendered via court order.